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MAIN CHARACTERS

Tsubasa Hanekawa

Koyomi's classmate, who has been bewitched by a cat. She's currently attempting to figure out her own emotions.

Black Hanekawa — The aberration known as an Afflicting Cat, or *sawarineko*, which has manifested in Hanekawa.

Koyomi Araragi

A boy and a "mockery of a vampire." He feels he owes a debt to Hanekawa and is now busy trying to save her from her suffering, but...

Shinobu Oshino

A husk of a vampire, who was once called the "king of aberrations." She suddenly set off on a journey of self-discovery.

Mèmè Oshino

A self-described expert on aberrations. He's been temporarily based out of the town of Naoetsu and often agrees to speak with Koyomi about his problems.

Suruga Kanbaru

Koyomi's junior, who once made a wish to a monkey before being saved by him. She is now helping Koyomi find Shinobu.

THE STORY SO FAR

The aberration known as the Afflicting Cat has re-appeared, even though the issue was thought to have been settled during Golden Week. And surprisingly, it was Hanekawa's unrequited feelings of love toward Koyomi that sparked the cat's return. Now, faced with Hanekawa's sudden confession of her feelings for him, Koyomi struggles to figure out what's going on. What's more, the way to solve her problem is to remove the root cause of her stress—Koyomi himself... But before he can even begin to process this shocking fact, the cat grabs Koyomi with all her strength—a parting embrace for the sake of her host, Hanekawa...

Time for you to be held by my myaster's nyaughty body until you're shriveled and dead.

Chapter 5

Tsubasa Cat

BOOK DESIGN VEIA

Haah ...!

...too fast!

She's way...

I was watching my back— and yet...

In my own way.

I was plenty careful.

I didn't let my guard down.

Don't get it wrong.

SQUISH

...were now fangs sucking the energy out of me.

Even her two large, lovely bulges...

ぽよん JIGGLE

ぽよん JIGGLE

ぽよん JIGGLE

ぽよん JIGGLE

▷ BLACK BOOBIES APPEAR!

Kanji: Vitality / Lifeforce / Energy / Suction / Vigor

SLURCH

SLURCH

SLURCH

C-Cat...
Do you really think...that killing me...

...will make Hanekawa happy?

Whatever I do—she'll furget.
My myaster...

...won't think that she killed you.

After all, her parents kept on abusing her...

...and she even furgot the fact—*that they didn't love her.*

During Golden Week— I failed.

I didn't kill my myaster's parents out of consideration fur her.

So in the end— nyothing got solved—meow.

Even all the energy that flowed into me at Kita-Shirahebi Shrine's mountain... has been sucked away.

as her cat's tongue scrapes away at my body.

She's scraping away every last bit of my energy—

Oww ?!

SLICE

So this time, I'll be sure— to kill.

O-Of course... Earlier...

That unnatural hug from her...

So it was a strategy... to deplete my energy in advance?

It's all part of her plan— that's just like Hanekawa!

Hm?

No... Wait a second.

At some point, I started treating the cat...

...as a separate personality from Hanekawa. But...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

The mirror of a mirror image...

...is just the image itself.

Ulti-mately ...

...if you keep flipping things around— Hanekawa is the cat, and the cat—is Hanekawa...

Then maybe it's Hanekawa—who actually wants me to die.

...

Well...
all right,
then...

...I guess
it's fine
if I die.

If I
could
die...

...for the
sake of
Hane-
kawa's
smile—

Sign: Nao Town Main Street

なおちょう大通り

Eight Corp
Hearing Aids

If it's what
Hanekawa
wants.

I'll do
anything
for
Hanekawa's
sake.

But I'm
sure that
in no
time—
she'll
forget.

She'll
probably
feel a
little
lonely if
I'm gone.

Oblivion

Graffiti: Whore / Warning!!! Suspicious person

...Oh shit.

...Oh... right.

I need to consider... her!!!

?!!

TWITCH

SUNDAY ABO-N

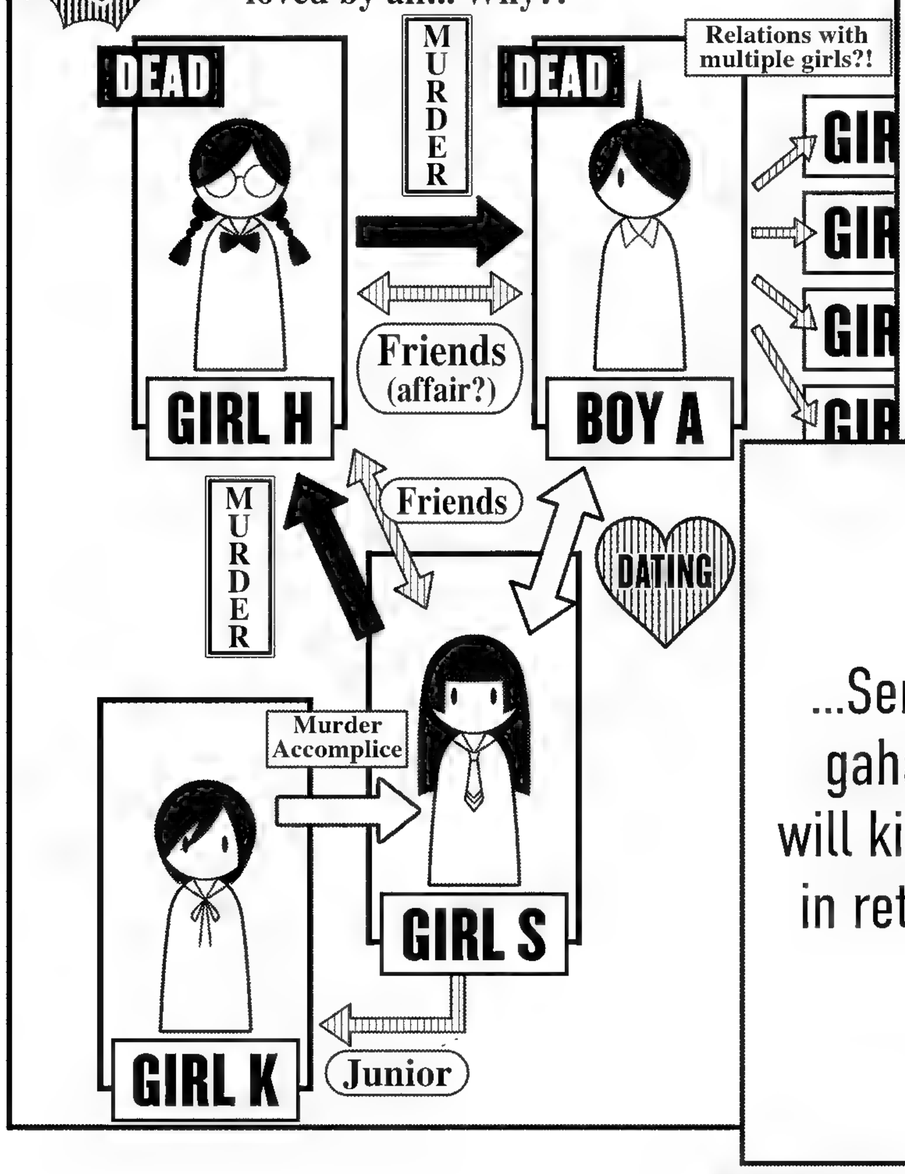
The End of a Harem

Hot & Heavy

A sea of blood on the scene!

Romance gone wrong?!
The grisly murder of two classmates!

A brilliant class president loved by all... Why?!



...Senjo-gahara will kill her in return.

...then I'm yanking it out and shoving a ***** inside your ********

I hope you don't think you're free now just because you died, Miss Hanekawa. I'm about to take your filthy stinking *** and *****

If Hanekawa kills me— I'm certain...

That... I can't do, but...

I don't really have time to explain...

She—would do it. I'm certain she would.

And if Hanekawa was human again, there'd be no way for her to stop it...!

Well, I could let you go if you purromise to start going out with my myaster.

Hrmm? Begging fur your life?

L... Let go...

...Maybe someone out there really will save you.

Okay, then. Die.

...Or purrhaps you wanna try begging someone fur help?

Huh? Someone...? Like who? Hachikuji? Sengoku? Kanbaru?

Nyohing all the people you've gone around and saved until nyow...

They won't come. There's nobody here—this is happening during "aberration hours."

Seeing you cry out like a pathetic baby would also be a relief fur me!

That's right.

People just go and get saved on their own... That's why.

I mean ...

Help...? That's not happening.

Hrm? Nyow why's that?

But in reality...

...that's not true.

Right now...

...there isn't a single person around.

that I'm used to.

Nobody noticing is something—

Before I met Hanekawa during spring break...

...I was always ...

...alone in class.

I was alone in a space full of people.

But in reality, that wasn't true.

So...

... what if they do?

Nyohbody pays attention to someone like you,

and that's why you have to fix everything on your own? Is that what you're saying?

...been saving everyone and completely ignyoring people's circumstances while doing that.

You've...

Why would you care about that if you're the purrson doing the saving?

...that I nearly forgot...

So much has happened today...

That's right.

...

I'll *go on a date.*

...but I can't die yet.

or at least, the day it's supposed to end!! So...

The day my personal hell comes to an end—

Today is Tuesday, June 13.

Some

MYLORD 2

KANBARU BANK

bodyy

yyy
!

Please
save
me!!!

Save
—

Please!

Some-
body!

Please
save
me!

Some-
body!

Isn't
anybody
there
?!

KANBARU BANK

Some-
body...

Some-
body,
some-
body,
some-
body!

No, no,
no, no!
Please!

I DON'T

me!

die!

Sa e
me!

WANT TO

Pl e,
no, no, please,

Any-
body
...!!!

I'm
s y!

s y!

DIE!

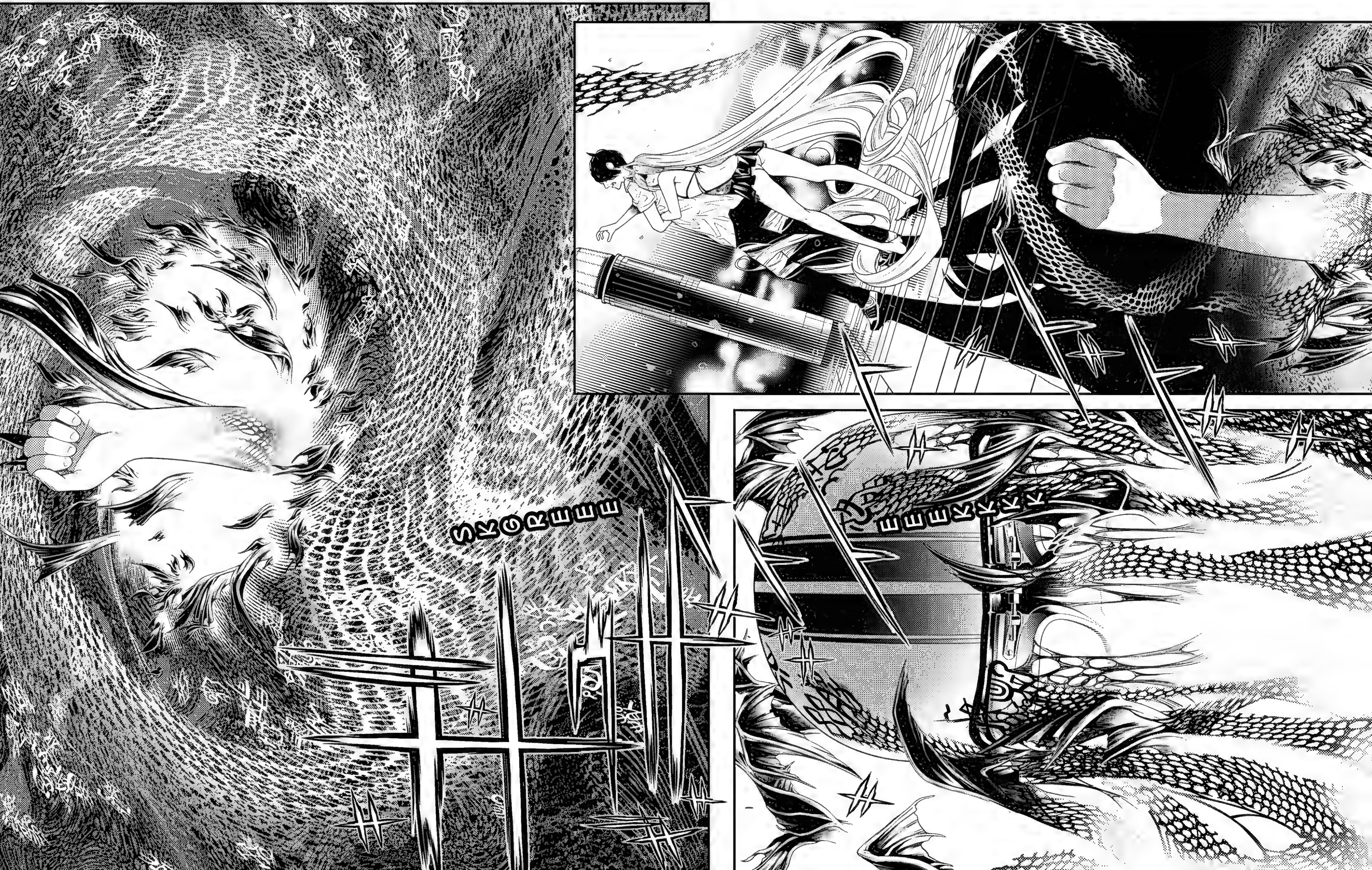
In that mo-ment ...

Shi-nobu.

Save me.

...but I don't know why her name came out of my mouth.

...I called for Shinobu ...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Ah!
...Of
course.

Ah.

...where
she is.

Hanekawa
knows...

SMIRK

She was there from the very start...!

Inside... my shadow...

MEOW.

...from the very start.

The one who could save me— she was there...

She was here...

...this close to me.

TSUBASAcat
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化 bake

猫 gatari

SKGREE

EEE

EEKKKK

Yep.

Seems like it.

Shi-nobu ...!

I mean, you don't cast a shadow if you're right below a streetlight.

It only takes a little bit of thinking to figure that out, right?

YEP— KEEP GOING A LITTLE MORE!

WAL FOR A BIT

Below what?

YEP, YOU'RE RIGHT BELOW IT NYOW!

I guess Araragi ...

...finally noticed.

Ah...!

MEOW.

If I was really planning on killing him...

...I wouldn't be draining his energy from behind— I wouldn't go through this much trouble, y'knyoh?

With the way he is now, I could kill Araragi in seconds, even if I attacked him head-on.

SPLAT

I have a flip side to me.

Didn't I tell Araragi that you always need to dig under the surface before you act?

Hm?

Did I not? Well, it's fine either way.

And that's why this...

SKR

SKR

SKR

SKRRK

A tale that Araragi will surely never know for as long as he lives.

This is my behind-the-scenes tale.

...is my B-side.

Khaah ...

Grrgh ...

KA-CHIK

So let's go from here,

and rewind time just a bit...

...to 12 seconds ago.

...

...

No.

...

I lick the nape of Araragi's neck.

It's not like I did it for any reason I should feel guilty about.

I can't say for sure that I didn't have any of those kinds of feelings at all, but at this moment, there was a need for me to get Araragi's blood.

I love you!

I love you!

I love you!

HOOH
HOOH
HOOH
スリ RUB
スリ RUB
スリスリ RUB RUB

...did mean at least a little something to me.

getting to savor his surprisingly manly back like this while I was at it...

I'll come to the reason for that later, but for now—

I wanted to leave my scent on Araragi.

As much as possible—even if it's only a whiff.

The same as a cat rubbing its body against a pillar.

For animals, this is what you'd call marking.

...than a selfish little pleasure.

Well, that's fine. This is nothing more...

Oh.

But he'd throw away a shirt this tattered in no time.

But that would have been fine, too.

I wanted Araragi— to feel let down by me.

In reality...

...I should have folded up my umbrella and confessed to him, looking like I always do.

Though I'm sure Araragi would have been creeped out if I confessed to him looking like this →

I'm just a regular girl, okay?

I'm not the saint or holy mother Araragi always makes me out to be.

I have wicked thoughts.

I even have dirty thoughts.

I have them every single day.

I wanted him to know this—that I'm just a girl.

And I wanted him to feel disap-pointed.

I mean, as things stand now, I'm getting all the glory, right?

...been saving everyone and com-pletely ignyoring people's circum-stances while doing that.

...it's the other way around.

You've ...

Why would you care about that if you're the purrson doing the saving?

If you ask me...

No, no, no, no! Please!

MIT

I don't know anyone else like that.

How willing he is to face his own flaws.

How strong ...

...he is.

Araragi is just so dazzling to me.

I'm sorry!

The only one to stay clean and pretty.

A good student. Pure and right. A class president among class presidents.

Never hating another.

Kind to all.

Never resenting another.

Loving to all.

Trans-parently so.

Pure and white.

THUD

GWOOSH

...

...!

I...

SMAK

...made a decision.

To put an end to all that.

...Hahah.

I...

...want to become—like Araragi.

And here...

Tsubasa Cat

Got a job for me?

KA-CHIK

...we rewind "my" time a little more...

You're the only one...

...I could rely on.

...to 2 hours, 45 minutes, and 15 seconds ago.

Please save me.

Save me.

And so— I'm saying this to someone for the first time in my life.

Please.

I beg of you.

BWOOF

...the flaming, three-headed tiger inside of me.

I want you to tell me how to exorcize...

While this isn't quite the Zen riddle about the quick-witted priest Ikkyu being asked by the shogun to rid him of a tiger on a folding screen,

my answer's the same. "My lord, would you please first bring the tiger out?"

Ha hah.

That's a tough one.

If that tiger— is just a problem *inside me.*

Or if it was something I could deal with myself— then yes, that would be the right thing to do.

But... ...every second matters right now.

My, my.

Are you telling me—that our shogun really did bring this tiger out?

Now that *is* an issue.

Tsubasa Cat B

B

Back to that moment.

36 days, 12 hours, 32 minutes, and 46 seconds ago.

When Araragi and Miss Senjogahara first met.

Back to that morning.

Oh.

Just as their time together began then.

So, too— must this countdown have begun.

FWOOF

KSSHT

...Miss Senjogahara.

The tiger is after...

■Jealousy■

JEALOUSY

I named it *Kako*, the Tyrannical Tiger.

This tiger that burns uncontrollably with the flames of jealousy—

This third aberration—born from the stress of my love.

182 hours,
32 minutes,
and
52 seconds
ago.

Tsubasa Cat B

B

AUTO CLEANER

The cleaning robot that's been set to go into action every morning at six...

...faithfully wakes me up as it always does.

Good morning.

KLONK

Mmmh!

In an un-usual turn for me,

I wake up this morning feeling incredibly refreshed.

Mm-hm! ♡

—Of course.

That was because—the cat released my stress the previous night.

BAKEMONOGATARI

WOO-HOOO!

KA-BOOM

My "little sister" is reckless— but deep down, she's a gentle aberration.

I might have broken down a long time ago... if not for her.

WHAT NYOW?!

She was born...to protect me.

And does the same go...for our little tiger?

That aberration exists to remove anyone I feel jealousy toward... It exists to attack!

The Tyrannical Tiger—is different.

I'm sure it will eventually come out and burn every target of my jealousy to ashes.

But not for much longer.

I'm just barely able to hold it back for now...

Ha hah —

Mind if I ask a question?

So you're telling me you knew about the tiger's existence but *didn't do a thing about it for a month.*

Maybe you were looking forward...

...to the people in your way *disappearing mysteriously*—no?

In other words... this so-called Tyrannical Tiger *is an aberration that was born because that's what you desired.*

Hup

I've never once heard of an aberration called a Tyrannical Tiger.

It's probably a new breed that you gave birth to... And *you're the only one who knows* it burns those you're jealous of.

...
Mgh.

...and swept them away.

...I'd have worked hard to take those feelings, disgorged them from my heart...

If it were the old me—the person I was before now...

I was fostering aberrations. It didn't seem possible—not in my wildest dreams. And I was willfully ignorant of what was happening.

But I didn't realize what I was doing.

All this time, the person who'd been abusing me more than anyone else—was me.

I had been throwing my heart away like it was trash.

To stay clean and white,

...Mister Seishiro Shishirui took advantage of me.

And that's why...

THMP

In that moment — during spring break.

Ha hah—

...

That I do know.

But he's trying to use this ability of mine— my ability to create an infinite number of aberrations.

I don't know what his goal is.

Surely, this can't be allowed to continue.

ZSSHK

CHOMP

KTT

SGREEE

FWOOSH

I've absorbed its spiritual energy using the cat's abilities.

You're right-handed, aren't you?

Sorry, I thought you might miss with your left hand.

DRIP

しお

DRIP

Man... I can't believe you'd put that in your mouth.

しぉ しぉ
BLUP BLUP

110

SNAP

I doubt he'll be able to hear us for the time being.

FSSHH

BZZT

He...

...is linked to these eyes and ears.

And when it comes to the things I don't know,

I'm like a newborn child, if anything.

DR-BBLE

POP

Ha hah—

That's why...

I don't know everything.

You really do know everything.

...I want to apolo-gize...

If I'm being honest,

I don't want to exorcise the Tyrannical Tiger.

I want to say sorry... for tor-menting you for so long.

...to my own heart.

Sorry—for keeping you locked up for all this time.

23 seconds ago, when I was finally ready to write the first line of my tale.

Okay—with that out of the way,

Save me...

BLURBLE BLURBLE BLURBLE

Araragi— is really going to die...!

Come out already ...!

H... Hurry up!

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Shinobu is inside Araragi's shadow.

"But I guess that's obvious, since the two can't be apart."

As I heard him say these words...

...I felt so jealous. I was overcome with envy.

That's what I felt at the time.

...that I once tried to throw away.

My very own heart...

I come to you humbly.

So, Tyrannical Tiger,

SGRRRRRRK

You made it just in time.

You...

Please— don't leave me.

I accept you, my jealousy.

So, please...

SGRRK

GWOOSH

BOOM

Aahh!

GRIND GRIND GRIND GRIND

Orrgh!

GRRRK

Onh!

GRRRK

Agh ...!

TWITCH

SWOOSH

RAVIORE!

SPLAP!

Only I remained pure and white—clean and pretty...

...all while giving birth to so many monsters.

I decided that I wouldn't do that any longer.

I think it will mean that I'll come to hate others.

That I'll come to resent others.

That I'll be hated, and that I'll be unable to forgive others.

BWOOSH

I might become dumber.

I might not be able to laugh anymore.

But—that's why I want to ask you.

When you leave, let's leave together.

I'm sure that Araragi...

...will be able to accept that, too.

Because that's—the kind of person he is.

Oh, God.

SPLAT

I'm so jealous.

Tsubasa Cat B

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...
Khaak
...!

BAKEMONOGATARI

Well yeah, it's gonna hurt.

You're gonna have to make Shinobu angry, after all.

It hurts.

BOOM

PACHINKO & SLOT
Z-Origin
Z-オリジン
All pachinko machines
Switch between rates at your seat
You can now
SWITCH
between rates
¥4
¥1
One of the largest
in the region with
1349
Pachinko and pachi-slots
await the enjoyed

It
hurts.

I'm
scared.

Ouch.

Owww!

KRAKL

KRAAASH

KRAK

KRAK

POP

He made *that* face when he saw my underwear, and yet...

Really ?

I can't believe Araragi.

PACHINKO SLOT

...he's always doing this kind of thing.

It's amazing.

BWOOSH

SNATCH

BWING

HYA-AGH!

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

TUG

There's just one problem about doing it *this way*—

your... or rather —

the cat's endurance. It won't be easy.

SPLAT

Even if she's sealed away, she's still the former king of aberrations.

It's gonna be rough.

FWOOSH

BA-KRING

DUPLEX

KRASH

ドロロ

The tiger inside of you will likely pry those openings apart...

...and be released into the outside world."

If your mind isn't able to hold up—it'll also be over for you.

"If the cat's body reaches its limit, it'll be over for you.

...are *sensitive to pain.*"

Gah

Gaagh

Glrrbg

"Be-cause people ...

はっはー
HA HAH!

As long as you don't die, that is.

If you're somehow able to overcome that and get Shinobu to eat the tiger, our problem will be solved.

In any case.

ZWOOMP

TWITCH

TWITCH

Eh

TWINGE

En

TWINGE

Um...

Mister Oshino?

This... isn't really a laughing matter...

Nngh!

...!

...

BLURGH

But this.

This is some-thing I needed to know.

This exact pain.

But ... I think that maybe— it worked out.

PHEW

Be-cause ...

...this is what I've been ignoring all this time.

...Thank you, Mister Oshino.

Despite exposing your breasts and bare ass to make a move on him.

Real-ly?

It didn't work out at all.

You were shame-fully rejected.

...!

...

Hm?

It's just that there's another girl even more captivating than them.

That's right.

Uh-huh.

But it's okay♪ Your breasts are so captivating!

SPLAP

SMAK

Trying to use your body to somehow keep his attention when he already sees you as a total loser?

Damn, I wouldn't be able to keep going after that, lol.

So she went easy on a nobody who showed up out of nowhere and got beat down because of it?

You're the one who's known him for longer, too.

No, she got rejected because she doesn't.

C'mon, even she must have something to her aside from her breasts.

Oof! lol

Seems like his current girlfriend has an awful personality, but she still lost to her? How much of a loser can you be?

...and release the tiger.

He wants to stoke my jealousy ...

Don't listen to them.

...

After all this time— what the hell are you trying to act like a human for?

GLARE

Hey. Over there.

That's why she's able to do anything. If you don't have any feelings, you can't suffer either.

SMAK

SPLAP

...

SMAK

SPLAP

SPLAP

She's got no emotions, right?

Yeah, because she's artificial. She's a monster.

SPLAP

SPLAP

SMAK

SPLAP

SMAK

SPLAP

What's that?

What? What? What?!

Huh? What?

Huh?! Huh?!

WASH STAR
WS-48W

Heavy Normal Gentle
Cycle Switch

Washing timer

Dryer timer

Buzzer Volume

Off

High

WHRRN

WHRRN

WHRRN

That—

is from long ago.

KLONK

That's me.

KLONK

KLONK

KLONK

I killed her.

leave ...!

Don't —

!

But it was no good.

No matter how much I suffered, no matter what awful thing happened to me.

I was always able to sever it with a smile— and yet.

No matter how many times I killed my self.

No!

Don't ...

... go...!

...was the one thing I couldn't sever.

Araragi.

My love for you...

Haah!

Please... Shinobu!

Just don't devour Hanekawa, too...!

Did the cat... already get eaten by Shinobu?

Agh...

Haah...

?!

What exactly is going on right now...?!

2x
POINTS

FLAP

A-A three-headed...

...tiger...? Giant...?!

ZSSHH

I guess...

...I really was at my limit.

I ran, and ran, and ran— but...

...I hadn't gotten away. I was just ignoring it.

TWITCH

TWITCH

FZZZZ

GROOOAR

KRAK

I guess... I couldn't become ...

someone like you... in... the end...

Araragi... I'm sorry.

I'm... so sorry.

I suppose I should say—that I am glad to make thine acquaintance.

My successor.

...

BAKEMONOGATARI

...Yeah.

I guess this is technically our first time meeting...

It's not like...

...we've ever greeted each other before.

Even I was able to sense...

SKRRK SKRRK SKRRK

But—ever since my spring break from hell.

I...

...his presence.

You may find it hard to believe—but I saw a ghost!

Seishiro Shishirui—am I correct?

Kiss-Shot's *first* thrall.

Hachikuji told me about him, too...

But there is no need for such a dire expression.

I shall not sink my teeth into your flesh.

Indeed.

What's with today?

What exactly is going on here?!

...What are you here for?

Huh.

...

You're a vampire, too—right?

Not a very funny joke.

I presumed thou wouldst be willing to lend thine ear to my words.

For we are both alike in having known the same monstrous love.

?!

I desire for thee to end thy courtship with Kiss-Shot.

GROOOOAR

HRRP

...Oh dear.

FSSSHH

?!

Even I've never had anything of that size shoved into my mouth so suddenly.

Vampires are no different from animals in how we are defenseless when we feed...

…

...I suppose it's to be expected. Thou didst birth that giant thing.

Emotions that are too powerful will bring ruin to even one's own flesh—if only thou hadst not so rashly resisted them...

SLITHER

THWAP

TWITCH

ZLUURP

...

...Hah.
That damned
boy.

T-CH

Did he really teach her this?

basa Cat B

B

Like I said earlier— exterminating this tiger isn't going to be simple, understand?

Well,

you might just up and die the moment Shinobu wallops you.

But...

...fortu-nately— I guess I could say?

In this situa-tion...

You know you're also immortal, right?

Did you forget?

That's right.

I—didn't remember it well, but...

...at that moment—during spring break.

Though indirectly, I seem to have inherited...

...Miss Kiss-Shot's blood. Her immortality.

As much as this gives me butterflies in my stomach in a girly way...

Inside of me...is Araragi's...

...blood.

SPLAP

SPLAP

SPLAP

...this immortality...

...seems to be temporarily boosted...

...by ingesting Araragi's blood again.

Y'know...

Personally,

I really wouldn't want to do this if your request were, "I want to wipe everything away and die."

...is more convenient for me.

Having you live a bit of a long life...

I'm a balancer, after all.

FWOOM

MY BREASTS ARE EVEN BIGGER THAN BEFORE!

MROOOW ?!

IT'S A BOOBY BOOST, MEOW!

BLUP BLUP BLUP BLUP BLUP

Haah...

...

IPA FLAP IPA FLAP

♡ Purrty cute!

Oh! These wings move!

IPA FLAP

TWITCH

Hrm... But I do hope these breasts go back to nyormal later. For my Myaster's sake, too!

It seems he's more interested in flat chests than big boobs...

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

Boob discourse is bound to get people of all genders talking!

?!!

WHAT MROW?!

HEY! EXPLAIN THY WORDS!

Tundra

The tiger's on its way to burn that tsundere alive!

—Wait! This is nyo time to be talking about something as fun and exciting as that!

Could you give me some help, vampi—

Hey, I haven't even asked yet!

I refuse.

Yes, most tiger aber-rations are.

Don't get the wrong idea.

The situation's different nyow! Let's call a cease-fire!

That tiger's super-strong, you nyoh!

I can only use vampiric powers like this when I am near him.

Ours is no regular master-thrall relationship.

there is a powerful link between him and me due to our mutual exchange of blood.

Right now,

Gave blood to

Roger that.

...

I know not where the tsundere's home is— but I would become nothing but a human child were I to go that far.

I would provide no help and merely be a burden.

Sorry.

...

Miss Basa.

?!

Basa ?!

Perhaps thou mayest think that if it were to come down to it, thou and the tiger would finish off one another...

I speak of thee.

But the option of waiting is also available to thee.

...not say a thing to thee?

Did the boy...

...

?!

Even if the tsundere survives, it would be for a mere 70 or 80 more years, no?

This one month may even feel longer to thee.

But it is like the blink of an eye once over.

...felt the first century to be rather long.

...Yes, even I...

Wait ?! Wait ...?!

Wai —

Having you live a bit of a *long life* is more convenient for me.

Wait.

TWITCH

As well as I...

...And perhaps, so will Araragi.

Vampires live long lives.

Return here alive.

Monsters have their own way of fighting the battle that is love.

...love.

century-long...

A

I say this not for thy sake.

BAKEMONOGATARI

This is nothing more—than what the boy is likely to think.

As an expert on aberrations, he must plan ahead a hundred, even two hundred years.

Even after— his life or the tsundere's has run its course.

Three of the greatest vampire hunters in existence spent decades creating a scenario to corner me.

Episode 3 Guillotine Cutter Emanuray

It only took *him* ten days or so to shatter that scenario into pieces.

Thou wit-nessed it too, didst thou not?

His power.

To the boy, it would be an unbelievable risk to allow a being like that to keep going unattended.

I have wandered this world for 500 years— and I have never once met a man like him.

And the same goes for thee— the exact same, at that.

...and prevent the other from running amok— that is his plan.

...to keep an eye on one another...

So he wants for these two similar *kings of aberrations* ...

The world— might end.

No, it'd be fine if he just got killed.

He'll be killed.

And if Araragi— goes out of control?

Ah ...!

You know ...

There was a time—when I thought the same thing.

Back then.

Ahh ...!

...that spring break.

During ...

I found the words—coming from my mouth.

They weren't meant to be a decision or anything.

I'm going to do it. I'm going to make this work.

I know.

I'm going to make... a place that Araragi can come home to.

I'm going to make a world that Araragi can come home to.

But just now...

...that turned into resolve.

One step at a time.

Steadily.

I'll take this... slowly.

Just like I decided back then...in the P.E. shed.

Hm...?

For the first time in my life...

...I have a reason to live.

Was this town...

...always so small?

ZSSHH

Will we burn?

Aye.

We will.

Yes. We will.

Burn.

Burn that woman.

Burn this home.

Koyomi Araragi

Contacts Shortcuts Music Keypad

No answer

Bur
—

GWOOSH

SIGH

ふぅ…

If I couldn't die for a friend,

Koyomi Araragi

Contacts

Speaker

Mute

Keypad

No answer

SGRRK

I wouldn't …

…call that person a friend.

KLANG

But right now...

GA-KRAK

...I can't die for Miss Senjo-gahara.

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GRRT

SNAP

I have to stay alive for the person I love.

There's no way I could allow myself to die now.

BOOM

SPLAT

BA-KRAK

KRAK
POP
PWOK
GRAKK

SNAP

BARGH

WHEEW

BA-KRAK

—I'm scared.

It hurts.

It hurts.

It hurts.

This is what you wanted.

You.

Why do you interfere.

...that it would make me this happy.

There's nyo nyeed— to win.

Yeah. You're right.

I'm sorry, Afflicting Cat.

For always— forcing you to do the dirty work.

Let's bring the tiger back— together.

Why... ...is it?

I never knew— that dying would make me feel this scared.

And...

That mobile.

That corpse.

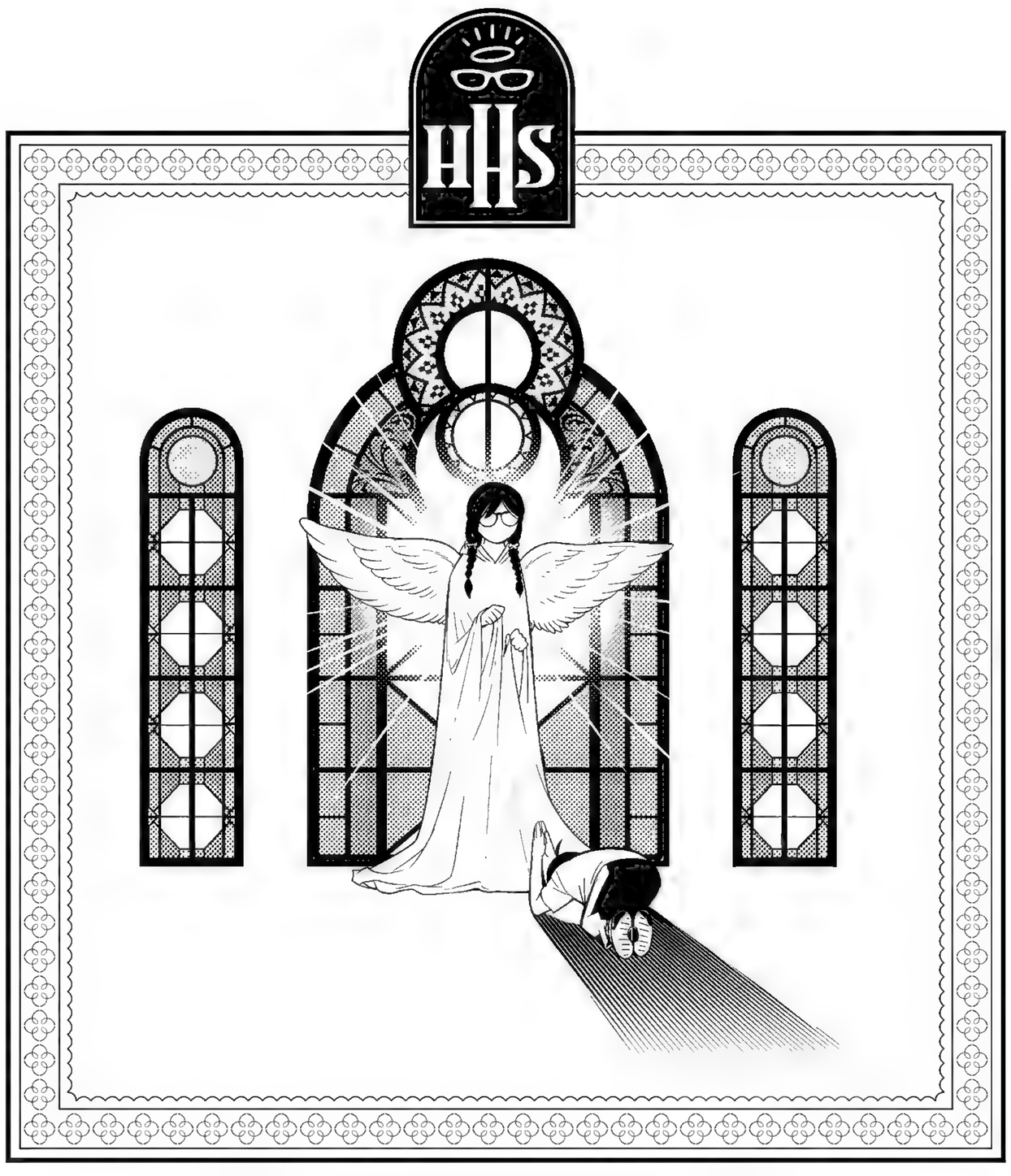
I can't see them now.

So it was this big...

There's no need— to win.

But right nyow,

I don't intend on losing either!



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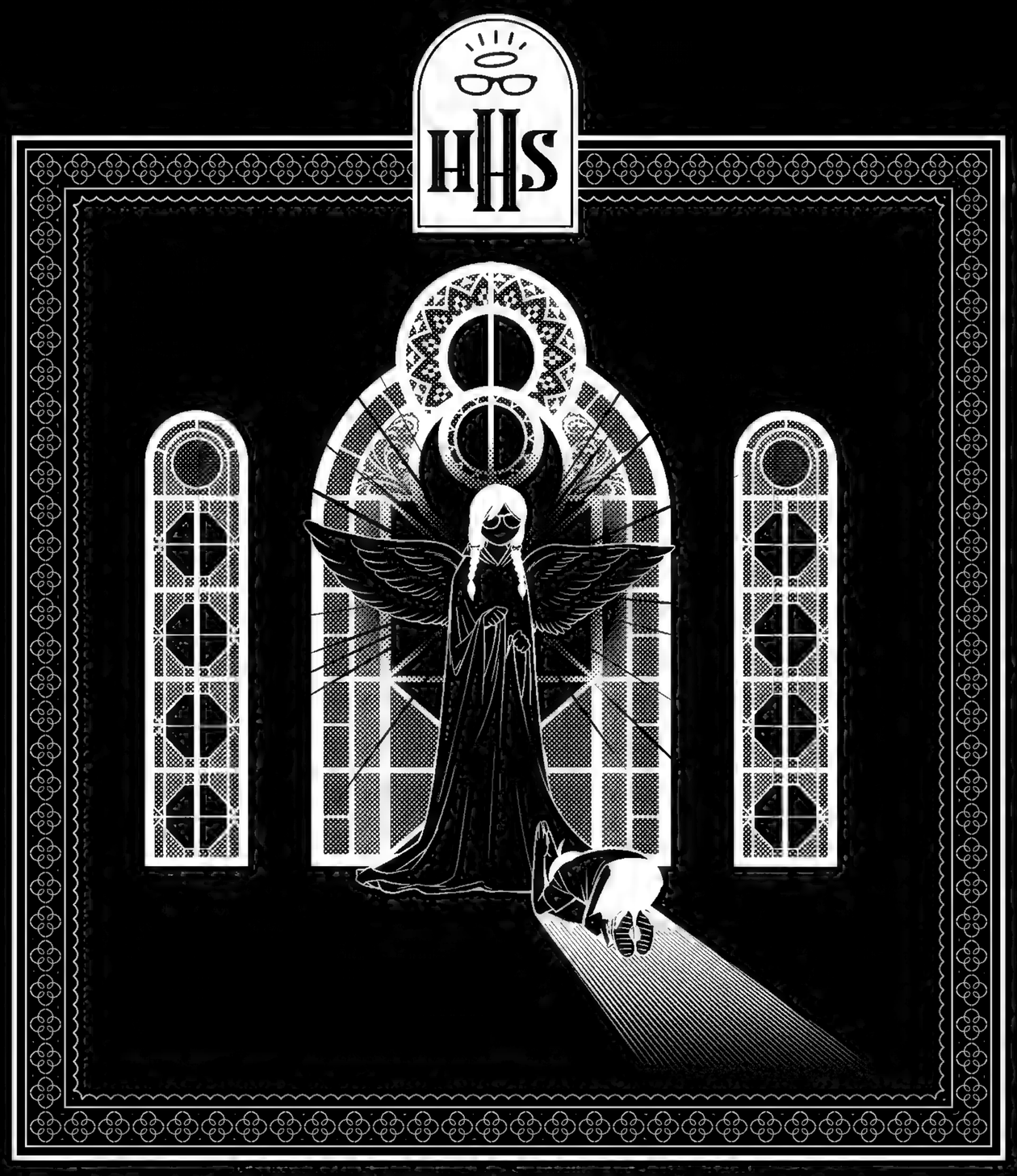

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BRIDAL HOUSE SALON

Hm.

Wait...

...for a hundred years,

eh.

I must say.

What a selfish act of kindness that was.

Meow ?

Shi-
nobu.

Save me.

...but I don't know why her name came out of my mouth.

...I called for Shinobu ...

Hypo-
theti-
cally—

if when I was draining his energy...

Vam-
pire.

Heh.

...he didn't call your name— what were you planning on doing?

I would ask the same question of thee.

IRK

...

...is that this body doesn't only belong to my myaster nyow.

The one thing I can say...

I don't know what my myaster decided, but...

A few more seconds and he would have died.

If that were to happen, *all of ye*— would be unable to continue on.

Hrmm... That's hard to say.

...

So...

It's half been his since then, anyway.

And he risked his life to protect this body during spring break and Golden Week.

The tiger and I are *inside* it, too.

...I can't just destroy it on my own nyow.

That's right, meow!

But by it, thou only meanst to say that thou canst expire until he first taketh grip of thy prized breasts, no?

Thou mayest say that.

...It seems that we...

...are what might be called *two of a kind.*

THANKS A BUNCH— FOR GIVING ME THIS CHANCE!

LET'S YOU AND I FIGHT A CENTURY FROM NYOW!

OUR TASTE IN MEN, TOO.

Hmph.

Don't get carried away.

What—would I have done?

I know what I told her—but I know the truth all too well.

If he ...

...had not called my name—hm.

PLAT

PLAT

PLAT

PLAT

PLAT

...is a long time.

A hundred years ...

CHKK

GSSHT

SPLASH

GSSHT

SPLASH

GSSHT

SPLASH

GSSHT

SPLASH

TARGET

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12.0K

SGREE

I suggest you don't move, Heart-Under-Blade.

...I did not expect that thou would still be traipsing around this nation.

Thou hast been waiting for the opportunity when I stepped outside the barrier the boy created, I see.

They'll do a lot more to you than open up a hole or two.

Those are silver bullets.

Heh.

NAOETSU AUTO RACING

You know that waiting is something our kind does best.

Thou also,
my successor.

I bid thee
to wait
400 years
under the
blazing sun—
and then thou
shalt also
understand.

I was *chosen* by Kiss-Shot— and was able to become her thrall. Yet, I did wound her without realizing the great boon that had been bestowed upon me.

Perhaps these 400 years were a just punishment for myself.

'Twas not the light of the sun that made my flesh to burn.

'Twas regret. Mine own foolish-ness.

I wish to apologize to Kiss-Shot.

NAOETSU
MYLORD 2
RENEWAL
第2弾

That beauty —

she was as a goddess. The days I spent defending her back ...

...and fighting aberrations with her have remained ever fixed in my memory.

Aberration: The Hundred Spotted Eyes

I wish to be forgiven for that—for us to mend our broken bond.

My misunderstandings and briefly misguided passions—led me to utter such heartless words unto Kiss-Shot.

Mon-ster !!!

How darest thou deceive us!!!

...it would only be reasonable for thee to doubt me with your every fiber, my successor—given this fearsome appearance.

But of course... Ahh.

...

Hmm. Prithee, wait but a moment.

SKRRRR

"MY SUCCESSOR" IS SUCH A FORMAL TITLE AS WELL. MAY I CALL YOU "SIR KOYOMI"?

HAHA. HAHA- HA.

What say you now?

FSSHH

MYRMECODIA TUBEROSA

I have a gift for thee, Koyomi.

Ah yes, that doth remind me.

Then, I pray thee, call me "Seishiro" in return.

He already got rid of the "Sir" part!

Even Senjo-gahara calls me Araragi.

Er...

Uh...

Sure ...

An energy drink?

...

OH! HUH?

TAKE THIS! HUP!

'Tis impressive.

Thou hast the makings of an expert on aberrations.

Thou hast been hard at work this night, Koyomi.

Thou art wearied, art thou not?

I believe I understand thy situation here.

PAIKRAK

Uh... No, that was mostly Oshino...

Forgive my impro-priety, Koyomi.

Oh dear! What manner of poor behavior is this, partaking of a beverage ere recommending it.

What...? It's fine...

Be it the matter of Kiss-Shot or otherwise —

thou hast dealt with aberrations in a most admirable fashion, Koyomi.

As one who doth possess expertise, I can attest to this truth...

THOK

PA-KRAK

パキョッ

open

Thou art a kind man, Koyomi.

MYRMECODIA TUBEROSA

...ks
...

Than...

I'm super-parched after that cat sucked away all my energy.

Huh...
Now that I'm talking to him, I guess he's not that bad of a guy after all...

GoGo! ENERGY

ARGININE

Caffeine

10mg

BWOOF

Just how stupid are you?

WHA...?!

...

...

PCCHT

Why—

Did you...

That's *holy water.*

I did kinda wanna see you die a pathetic death as you burned and rotted from the inside out, though.

HYAAGH?!

FZZZ

Episode. the vampire · hunter.

Why are... you here...?

Wh...

THWAM

Gotta love it.

Why did I, a first-rate vampire hunter...

...appear now, at this exact moment?

BAKEMONOGATARI

Kahah.

Bet you're dyin' to know why, thrall of Heart-Under-Blade.

DUMB-ASS!

WELL, IIIIIII'M NOT GONNA TELL YOU.

HEE HEE

Episode, the vampire hunter...

This guy's a pain, but... what's going on here?

HAA HEE HEE HEE

...

Agh...!

DRIBBLE

...

Did he... save me?

FZZZZ

Koyomi.

I believe thou shalt understand.

いい部屋ネット

魚民

SUIT

AOKI

MYRMECODIA TUBEROSA

Kiss-Shot doth not require two thralls.

Betrayal?

No.

So from the start...

I don't see it that way.

It does make me wonder, though.

Did he really *need to trick me into drinking holy water*?

I mean— *did he have to do something like that to kill me as I am now*?

...you planned on killing me...

This world is improved if not even a single demon remains in it.

As I believe Kiss-Shot hath informed thee... I am an expert in the slaying of aberrations and do hold the moniker of "Aberration Slayer."

...

but...in that case—it only makes me wonder more...

...No,

The first Aber-ration Slayer.

Isn't that enough, thrall of Heart-Under-Blade?

Hey.

Hurry up and let me slaughter that ashy bastard, punk.

You're in my way.

I said, move.

THE CENTER OF ALL THE ABER-RATIONS IN THIS TOWN— RIGHT?

You probably don't know, but he's—

You aren't our target this time around.

Deishu Kaiki—

He told me.

That crow-like man.

Kita-Shirahebi Shrine.

That mountain.

A "hole" connecting that world and this one.

A passage for aberrations.

An expert opened a kind of hole there.

is you, right? Mister Seishiro.

And that expert—

The recent string of aberrations in this town—

was caused by that.

It gathers "bad things" from both *there* and *here*.

The hole flows in both directions.

So you resurrected your body, burned to ash,

by eating the aberrations gathered there.

You could not eat humans.

SMAK
GRIND
GRIND
BWOOMP
SLURP
SLURP
KRAKL
KRAKL
KRAKL
POP
POP
SMAK
BWOOMP
BA-KRAK
BWOOMP
PSSHT

Maybe you still hadn't gathered enough physical power to hammer in that nail.

Or maybe you're unable to wield that spell as a vampire—but whatever the case, you couldn't directly touch it yourself.

And you got them to open a hole with a nail through the holy tree at Kita-Shirahebi Shrine.

You spread a rumor to teach them a powerful spell.

And to do that—

you got middle schoolers around here involved in all of this and used them.

You needed a human to be a *sacrifice* and carry it out.

Driving that nail in—

was part of a *spiked* offering.

If you already knew all that, then...

...Thrall of Heart-Under-Blade.

Hmm...

This guy...

...

This is beyond something you can handle on your own, young man.

SGRRK

FWOOSH

Though it would be a different story were you to join this company of mine.

We've spent years...no, centuries, chasing after that man.

Three months ago—when you fought with us—and we negotiated with that dubious fellow,

our terms included what would happen now, at this moment.

HEY! DON'T TELL HIM!

...

isn't there some *string-puller behind it all* for you to get? Isn't that who you should really be after?

Instead of chasing around a fresh *novice* of a thrall—

But I chose ...

...a path I don't normally take. One that had no signs of people around.

THNK

You brought me to Kiss-Shot when she was on the verge of death— didn't you?

Mister Seishiro... what happened— *that day.*

I'm...

...super grateful for what you did.

Thanks.

There's been a lot of annoying stuff that's happened since then—but I'm grateful to you for that one thing.

You got what you wanted—Kiss-Shot was saved... And it's what I wanted, too.

Oh heavens above.

You haven't changed...

...

...Grate-ful? ...Wait.

Are you—

...I believe I might just fall in love with thee, Koyomi.

If I do not make haste and slay thee...

Ah.

Finally.

KRZCH

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

Now I'll finally be able to repay my senior Araragi for one of the things he's done for me.

I'm Suruga Kanbaru.

Even I had trouble making it all the way here, you know.

I gotta say... what a commotion.

はのた FLAP

はのた FLAP

はのた FLAP

I don't know the situation, but... uh, that beautiful young man in the black hoodie...

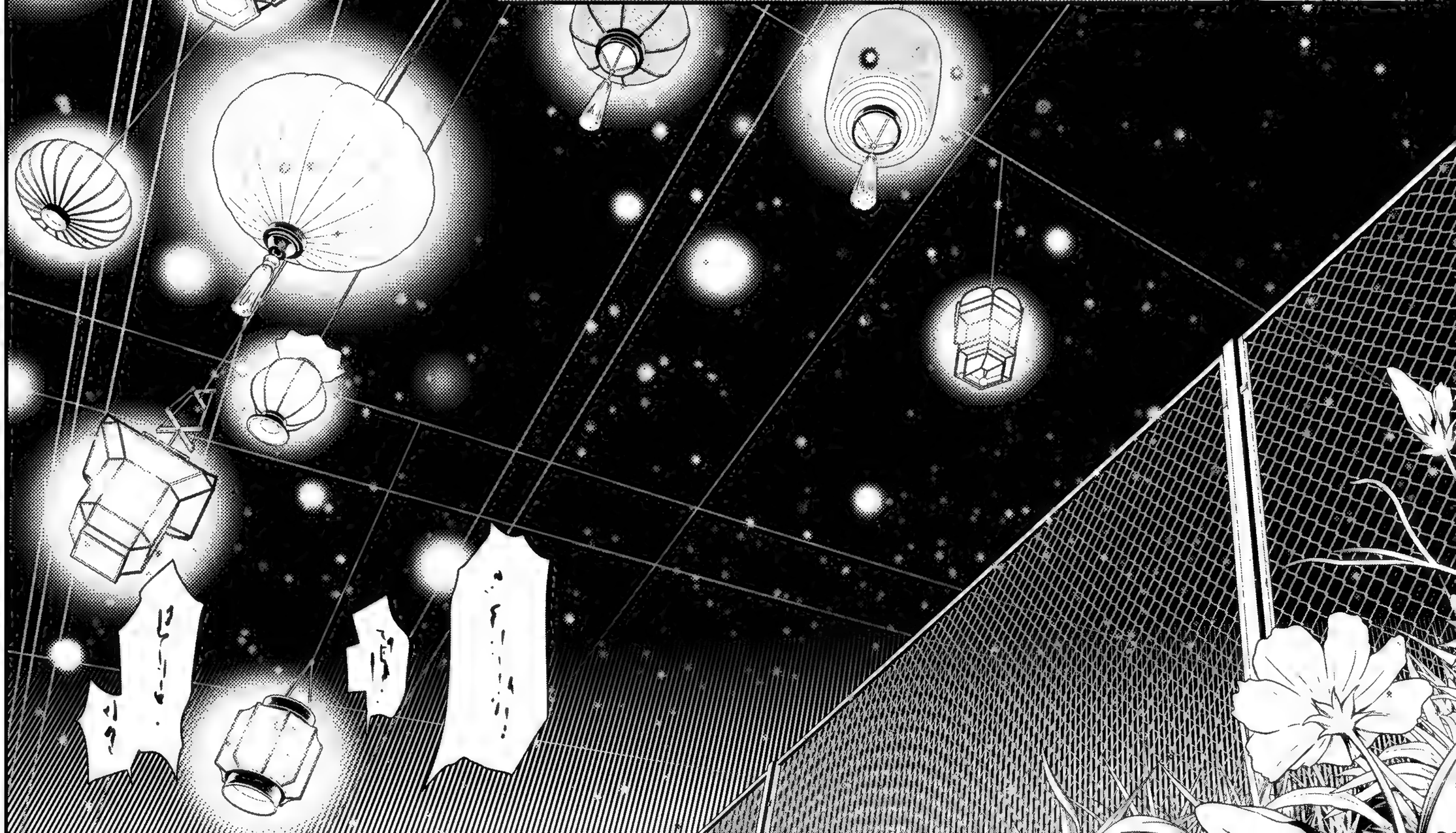
Out of curiosity, what're you doing in a place like this?

...I bet you snuck out of the cram school to meet him, didn't you?

Huh...?

BAKEMONOGATARI

SS-A
BF44
GSSHT
GSSHT
GSSHT



I swear

know!

Thou

as ever

SW-52

R-Recognized as harmless?!

...I-I've never heard of any system like that.

Soldier #62.

You can't speak Japanese, can you...?

...It's fine. Return to your post.

Wha...

But Sir...

That's in the past now... She's been "recognized as harmless" in her current state.

WANTED

destruction

KISSSHOT ACEROLAORION HEARTUNDERBLADE

★ REWARD ★

卌 3,000,000,000-

That woman is the iron-blooded, hot-blooded, yet cold-blooded— most wicked of vampires.

#62... Were you turned into a vampire while still a virgin?!

Huh?! How'd you know?!

Between women ...?

...Hmph.

You must understand that if a man were to intrude in an unwise manner, he would soon find himself among the skirmish and suffer collateral damage.

What's going on there is a conversation between women—

NO!

YOU'RE WRONG! YOU NEED TO MEET HIM! YOU'RE WRONG! YOU NEED TO MEET HIM!

YOU ABSOLUTELY NEED TO MEET HIM! I'M GOING TO KEEP ON SAYING THIS!

Again! I will not meet him! If I say I will not, I will not! I will not meet him!

How many times must I tell thou and thy love-addled brain this?!

LISTEN, I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT I'VE GOT A MESSED-UP HEAD!

I've always thought thou to have a defective mind, but this is beyond the pale!

GRIND GRIND GRIND GRIND

MEET HIM AND APOLO-GIZE!

Apolo-gize?! Me?!

I did not leave the cram school to meet Seishiro, nor do I have any desire to meet him!

STOP MOANING AND JUST MEET HIM! IF YOU WON'T DO IT YOURSELF, THEN DO YOU WANT ME TO JUST DRAG YOU TO HIM BY FORCE?!

KRASSSSSH

How fool-hardy— to do that to me.

Thou hast my respect for it.

Apologize now and I shall forget this happened.

...And so, as an adult who has lived for 500 years, I shall show lenience to a brat such as thee.

You're just a coward running from her past.

500 years? Who cares.

GRRRP

I know you could kick their asses no matter how many of them there are—and I'd help you, too!

You're surrounded by an army of soldiers holding guns—so you can't move.

That's clearly nothing but an excuse!

GRRK

Ba/RW

You absolutely— have a duty to meet him!

That man spent 400 years resurrecting himself to meet you.

GRRK

HOW COULD IT POSSIBLY GO UN-REWARDED?!

GRRRRRK

HE TURNED TO ASHES— AND HIS BODY WAS BURNED OVER AND OVER!

THAT SUFFERING! THAT *MIRACLE!*

THAT WOULD JUST FEEL...

...SO HOPE-LESS!

HOOH

HOOH

BOOM

BOOM

SHBPPT

...i

TINGLE

...from whom thou hearst that tale.

I shall later inquire ...

SWING

Thou knowest not a thing!

Keep thy words of foolish sympathy to thyself, ape!

Even were I to meet him now! I would have no words for him!

I may be the cause of *that*.

But what purpose would it serve to apologize now?

What is past... is past.

He hath already started to become the point around which all aberrations in this town—nay, this world—gather.

Now that he hath become so powerful as to have a body—his only possible fate is to be exterminated.

You should just come out and say it— Shinobu.

GRRRRK

GA-KLANG

ZWOOMP

You're scared. You're scared of meeting him.

THE EMOTIONAL WEIGHT OF A LOVE THAT'D HAVE HIM SPEND 400 YEARS COMING BACK TO LIFE IS JUST TOO MUCH TO BEAR!

AND YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM OR BE HURT BY HIM— JUST SAY IT!

...and instead wandered to and fro like a lost child.

though I went to see him, I could not muster the courage to meet him...

When I learned of his return—

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE KING OF ABERRATIONS?! A LEGENDARY VAMPIRE?!

JUST A LITTLE GIRL WHO'S SCARED OF GHOST STORIES!

YOU'RE EXACTLY WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE!

Fear

BWING

KWIP

GA-KLANG

KRAK!

KRAK!

KRAK!

Kah-kah!

Are those your final words?

XR\'5

...I don't like how weirdly calm he's acting... given the situation. I can't afford to make a careless move here...

There's no point, okay? We've also got an armed bat unit in position above you.

...Hey. If you're thinking of flying off.

Huh ?

For— God's will.

I am waiting.

...

Because we're both thralls—

with the same master.

Will she be a goddess of redemption—or...

Shall we not wait together, Koyomi?

Yeah.

That's why I was the only one—who could understand Mister Seishiro's words.

Let's wait.

Because the same blood has been shared with us both.

I...love my senior Senjo-gahara.

I love my senior Araragi, too.

Despite the fact that no matter how long I wait, I'll never see the day when either one of them returns the feelings I have for them.

That's why whenever I see someone's feelings of love for another going neglected—

I just can't stand it.

...

No.

Hey!

I would also like to wait a little while.

...the conversation *over there* has come to a conclusion ...

It seems ...

...are waiting for closure.

Let's go.

Both of them ...

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The battle to end it all has begun.
To choose one side is to not choose the other.
However she may try to look away or pretend not to see it...
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...will bring them closer to a conclusion.
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